

# Backgrounder

## Alberta Liberal Action Plan for Post-Secondary Education

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### Increase Affordability

- Give students a break in their tuition of almost \$1,000 a year
- Create a \$300/year books and tools credit for post-secondary students.
- Restore legislative control over tuition increases.
- Reduce interest rates on Alberta student loans, and increase the part-time earning limits.
- Reduce or eliminate property taxes for on-campus student housing to make accommodation more affordable and to encourage the construction of more units.
- Expand the Alberta Opportunities Bursary by doubling the funding and expanding eligibility.
- Recognize regional disparities in allocating student loans.

### Improve Accessibility

- Create targeted additional learning spaces for areas with a high number of applicants.
- Provide three year funding envelopes for post-secondary institutions so they may better plan for the future.
- Establish Mount Royal University in Calgary.

### Strengthen Quality

- Establish teaching chairs to support and recognize excellence at post-secondary institutions.
- Improve student-faculty ratios.
- Boost graduate student numbers.

### Fund the Future of Alberta's Post-Secondary Education System

- Create a Post-Secondary Endowment Fund, using a portion of oil and gas royalties. In just 15 years, the endowment could grow to \$15 billion and generate \$770 million in extra funding every year.
- Create a \$500 million Endowment for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, using a portion of oil and gas royalties.

**It's time.**  
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